

REMARKS


In the Office Action of January 30, 2004, the Examiner objected to the use of the term "wide surface" as being new matter. Although the applicant does not agree with the Examiner, this term has been deleted from the claims to avoid any issue of new matter. It has been noted that the term "wide surface" was not introduced into the specification although the Remarks in the Amendment filed November 5, 2003 erroneously indicated that such an amendment had been made to the specification.

It is believed that the deletion of the term "wide surface" avoids the basis for the rejection under 35 U.S. 112, first paragraph, and it is requested that this ground of rejection be withdrawn.

The Examiner's response to the arguments for patentability have been noted as well as the indication of the allowability of claims 1, 3-6 and 9 if rewritten to avoid the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. It is believed that the present Amendment avoids the new matter objection and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, and that all claims are now in condition for allowance.

An early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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